

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 207

BY REPRESENTATIVE MOORE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

CORRECTIONS/PRISONERS: Provides relative to who may attend an execution of a death sentence

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:570(A)(6) and to enact R.S. 15:570(A)(7), relative to the
3 execution of a death sentence; to provide relative to those persons required to be
4 present at execution; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 15:570(A)(6) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
7 15:570(A)(7) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §570. Execution; officials and witnesses; minors excluded; time of execution; notice
9 to victim's relatives

10 A. Every execution of the death sentence shall take place in the presence of:

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12 (6) A legal representative of the person who has been sentenced to death.

13 (7) Not less than five nor more than seven other witnesses.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Adds a legal representative of the person who has been sentenced to death as a person required to be present for every execution of a death sentence.

Present law (R.S. 15:570(A)) provides for a list of individuals who shall be present for every execution of the death sentence as follows:

- (1) The warden of the La. State Penitentiary at Angola, or a competent person selected by him.
- (2) The coroner of the parish of West Feliciana, or his deputy.
- (3) A physician summoned by the warden of the La. State Penitentiary at Angola.
- (4) A competent person selected by the warden of the La. State Penitentiary to carry out the authorized execution method.
- (5) A priest or minister of the gospel, if the convict so requests it.
- (6) Not less than five nor more than seven other witnesses.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a legal representative of the person who has been sentenced to death.

(Amends R.S. 15:570(A)(6); Adds R.S. 15:570(A)(7))